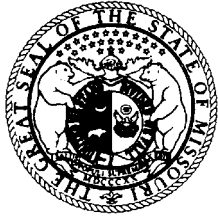


## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



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### Situation Report

### Severe Storms with Tornadoes

May 5, 2003

National Weather Service briefed the SEMA Duty Officer on the potential for large cell activity with the possibility of numerous tornadic activity throughout the western part of Missouri. A widespread series of large cells entered Missouri from the west and south. At 5:00 p.m., the first reports of large tornadoes hitting the Kansas City area. Cells transitioned from Leavenworth County, Kansas and entered Missouri just north of Kansas City. This storm went on to cause damage in Clay County and further east. Another cell entered into Cass County and caused damages in and around Harrisonville. A third cell caused two confirmed deaths in Jasper County (near Carl Junction, Missouri) and proceeded into Cedar, Polk, Camden, Miller and Cole Counties. Although unconfirmed, there were some reports that as many as three tornadoes from three separate cells hit Polk County. Another cell moved out of Arkansas and headed into Dunklin and Pemiscott Counties.

### County Reports:

(Note: This listing of counties reflect only those that have reported their damages to SEMA. Further reports are anticipated from other affected counties.)

Barton County: City of Liberal 25-30 homes destroyed. American Red Cross has established a shelter at Liberty High School.

Camden County: One house totally destroyed in the Big Niangua area of the County. Several people trapped in a trailer park. No indication on the number of injured.

Cedar County: City of Stockton was hit by tornado and they are without power and phones. Report was from National Weather Service. Mayor has declared a State of Emergency. Reports are being relayed via radio from MSHP Troop D in Springfield. Troop D reported that two deaths occurred in Stockton (confirmed).

Christian County: Twenty to thirty homes damaged/destroyed.

Clay County: Several homes in the Gladstone area destroyed and /or damaged. Tornado hit hard in the Liberty Square area in Liberty, Missouri. Northland Hospital treated 23 people for storm related injuries. No deaths confirmed at this time.

Dallas County: Multiple reports of tornado touchdowns. At least five homes destroyed and ten injuries. Several vehicles destroyed. Numerous power lines down and highways 65, 73, and several county roads blocked by fallen trees and debris.

Greene County: Battlefield (suburb of Springfield) reported tornado. 10 to 15 homes damaged or destroyed. Wilson Creek Baptist Church destroyed. Assistant Fire Chief for City of Battlefield reports four subdivisions destroyed including the main fire station. Gas leaks throughout the City and utility wires are down. Approximately 100 minor injuries.

Jackson County: City of Kansas City reports 30 to 35 homes damage, of these two were severely damaged, four major damage and rest were minor damage. No deaths, two severe injuries. Five shelters were opened in the Kansas City area..

Jasper County: Tornado went through downtown area of Carl Junction. Power lines down, lots of tree damage. Assistance from Joplin Fire Department and Joplin Department of Public Works. No indication of number of injuries.

Johnson County: One home destroyed. American Red Cross enroute. No reports of injuries.

Lawrence County: Damage is very severe in Pierce City, Missouri. Center of downtown area was severely damaged. National Guard Armory has collapsed with four people in it. Power lines down throughout the county. Requested additional security, reports of civil disturbances required additional resources.

Pettis County: Area north of Dresden hit. Forty-foot tower down. Further damage assessments are taking place.

Platte County: Estimated damage is 5 million dollars of damage. 35 homes, 24 apartments and 12 businesses destroyed and/or severely damaged. Northmoor Trailer Park near Riverside, Missouri was hit hard. Platte County Road and Bridge report fifty to sixty thousand dollars worth of damage. Some injuries reported in Platte County. Tracy, Missouri suffered several homes moderate damage. A shelter has been set up in Bible Baptist Church in Gladstone, Missouri. Five shelters have been opened in the Kansas City area.

Polk County: 20+ homes with confirmed damaged, fourteen of which were destroyed and/or major damaged. Lots of vehicles damaged by hail or blowing debris. Highway 123 closed with trees down across the highway.

SEMA Actions: State officials are monitoring the situation, as indicated in this report, widespread damage is reported across the state. Governor Holden visited sites in Platte and Clay Counties. Preliminary Disaster Assessment Teams are being mobilized to inspect for damages along with their FEMA counterparts. A State of Emergency declared and Missouri National Guard has been activated.

FEDERAL/STATE Actions: FEMA has opened the Regional Operations Center in Kansas City. They are coordinating the dispatch of FEMA PDA teams with SEMA. Emergency Declaration requested.

Other State Agency Actions: Missouri Department of Transportation has provided support to local agencies. Missouri State Highway Patrol has assigned additional troopers in areas to provide assist locals in providing security. Missouri State Fire Marshall has activated several Fire/Haz Mat crews under the Statewide Fire Mutual Aid Agreement.

Other Agency Actions: American Red Cross has emergency response vehicles (ERVs) dispatched to many sites throughout the state. Americorp has dispatched resources to Pierce City, Springfield and Kansas City.

Forecast: Clearing today with the highs in the low 80s. National Weather Service indicates a lull in storm activity for the next two days, however there is chance for localized storms each evening. Next major storms system will arrive in Missouri early Wednesday, May 7, 2003.

### Shelter List

<u>County</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Address</u>
Johnson	Warrensburg	Grover Park
Clay	Riverside	Community Center
Clay	Liberty	Community Center
Camden	Camdenton	Camdenton HS
Camden		Near Ha Ha Tonka
Barton	Liberal	Liberal HS
Barton	Lamar	Memorial Hall
Jasper	Webb City	Webb City HS
<u>County</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Address</u>
Polk	Humansville	High School
Lawrence	Aurora	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Church
Christian	Billings	High School
Barry	Monett	VFW
Greene	Battlefield	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Church
Cedar	Stockton	1 <sup>st</sup> So. Baptist Church

### Deaths by County (Confirmed)

Barton County - 1  
 Cedar County – 2  
 Christian County – 2  
 Greene County - 1  
 Jasper County - 2  
 Lawrence County – 1

Total - 9

### National Guard Activation

Pierce City - 15 personnel for security mission, 4 generators with 8 operators.  
 Gladstone – 10 personnel for security mission.

### American Red Cross

Activated and working in all effected areas.

Springfield Fire Department – 2 companies  
Northwest Missouri HAZMAT – 8 personnel with equipment  
Washington County AR – Ambulances dispatched  
Nebraska K-9 Search and Rescue dispatched

Points of Contact: SEMA Duty Officer after hours number is 573-751-2748, during normal hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.